

December 13, 2002 Meeting - Summary

Members at meeting: Tom Floro, Chairman, Stephen Conn, Vice Chairman, Dr. B.T. Westerfield, Bryan W. Tudor, Janet Vogt, Sister Dorothy Jackson, Others include: Cheryl Lalonde-Mooney

KBRC Staff at Meeting: Peggy Lacy Moore, Board Administrator, Rick L. Rose, Interim Administrative Assistant

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Oaths were given to new Board Members: Janet Vogt & Bryan Tudor, Dr. Taha was absent and would be sworn in at next meeting.

Tom Floro was unanimously voted for Chair, & Steve Conn was unanimously voted for Vice-Chair.

Continuing Educational: Chairman Floro stated that after fielding several questions from people regarding free CEU's that if they can get them free, take it, but that it had to pertain to respiratory care, and had to be approved as a program by the Board.

Chairman Floro also presented information about CEU credits awarded for course titled "Dysrhythmia Interpretation Course" and that it was approved for 24 CEU's provided it covered three eight hour days.

Old Business: The Board approved the "KHEAA statement of fact" sign-off sheet. AAG Counsel also stated this new law requires that licensing agencies revoke or refuse to issue licenses to for individuals who were in default on student loans through KHEAA. Sign off sheet will ask all applicants to certify that they are not in default of any KHEAA educational or financial loans pursuant to KRS 164.772(3).

New Business: Chairman Floro informed the Board that the processing of the 2003 renewals had commenced and renewal forms would be ready for the mailing service to pick up after the KHEAA update. 184 audit renewals and 1,874 regular renewals for a total of 2,058.

Continuing Educational Committee: Mr. Conn drafted Janet Vogt to serve on the CEC.

Ms. Janet Vogt requested the Board's clarification concerning verbal orders taken from sleep centers setting-up durable medical equipment. Sleep centers usually send an order for equipment set-up. The DME Company sets up the equipment and within 30 days the CNM is signed by the prescribing physician, and returned to the facility. The Joint Commission has given several facilities violations, because it states that the facility must have a written or verbal order from the physician, and have a signed agreement, prior to set-up of the equipment. JCAHO states that an order from a sleep center does not suffice. The problem is that this could take days to weeks and do you prolong setting up someone who has been diagnosed with sleep apnea who could be in danger to both themselves and/or others? Ms. Vogt requested the Board to issue an opinion statement on verbal orders.

Next Meeting will be scheduled on Tues. Feb. 25, 2003